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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents listed are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,835,087
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,006,257
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,758,257
- (5) WO 00/40027
- (6) WO 98/56188
- (7) WO 99/39278


The documents (1) to (6) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of a European Search Report dated March 27, 2003 is enclosed.

The document (7) was cited during prosecution of a Chinese application, namely China 01125922.1. A copy of a Chinese Office Action dated March 28, 2003 is enclosed, together with an English language translation thereof.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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